

**WEEKLY REPORT
Region 9
Environmental Protection Agency
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THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 31, - NOVEMBER 4, 2016

Six Additional Navajo Area Uranium Mine Sites Funded: After discussion with the Navajo Nation, we determined that it is appropriate to add six Navajo area uranium sites to the 49 designated sites listed in the Tronox settlement because these mines may have an impact on the Nation. Our determination allows Tronox funds to be spent on the assessment and cleanup of these sites. (Contact: Chip Poalinelli, x2-3390)

Consent Decree Lodged for Past Costs at the Yavapai Penta Site: DOJ lodged a consent decree with Westrock CP, LLC in connection with a 2012 removal action at the Yavapai Penta Site in Prescott, AZ. The Consent Decree requires Westrock to pay for past response costs of \$2.8 million under an earlier bankruptcy settlement. Contact: Xiao Zhang, ORC, 415-972-3266.

Reducing Potential PCB Exposures in Schools: Four CA school associations transmitted the EPA and CalEPA fact sheet, "Creating Healthy Indoor Environments in California Schools," to all public schools in the State. The fact sheet reflects EPA's risk-based approach for PCBs in schools and promotes best management practices to reduce potential exposures, including good ventilation, reducing indoor dust, purchasing less toxic cleaning products, replacing older fluorescent light ballasts, and adopting integrated pest management practices. Within the next few months, we will participate in school association conferences to encourage actions recommended in the fact sheet. (Cruz 2-3084)

American Samoan Island Powered 100% By Renewable Energy: Tau, one of American Samoa's outer Manua islands, became the first U.S. island to be powered exclusively by solar energy. This is the first step toward powering all of American Samoa's outer islands with renewable energy. The Tau system includes more than 1,400 kilowatts of photovoltaic panels, and 6,000 kilowatt hours of battery storage. We contributed \$70,000 in DERA (Diesel Emissions Reduction Act) funding to this project, which replaces diesel generators with new generators powered by solar energy. (Wolfram 2-3027)

Soliciting Comments on Point Loma Wastewater NPDES Permit in San Diego: We jointly proposed, with the San Diego Regional Water Board, to reissue an NPDES permit for the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant in San Diego. We also proposed continuing an existing waiver of secondary treatment requirements for Point Loma, as discharges have not caused adverse impacts to the ocean. The permit incorporates key elements of the City's Pure Water program that will eventually send 83 million gallons of highly purified wastewater to local drinking water reservoirs. (Kozelka, 2-3448).

Species Consultation for Humboldt Ocean Site Expansion: Deliberative Process (b) (5)

The site, designated in 1995, accommodates mostly dredged material from the Humboldt Bay Harbor and needs to be expanded outward to prevent navigation hazards expected in 1-2 years. (Ross 2-3475)

SDWA Amended Administrative Order on Consent with the San Carlos Apache Tribe (Tribe) and the San Carlos Apache Tribal Utility Authority (Utility): We entered into an Amended AOC with the Tribe and Utility for numerous violations of the Safe Drinking Water Act, including exceedances of the arsenic and total coliform standards, lack of public notices, and monitoring and reporting violations for lead and copper, nitrates, and other contaminants. The Amended Order amends and supersedes a previous AOC that EPA entered into with the Tribe and Utility in 2011. The Tribe agreed to provide alternative water to customers of the Soda Canyon water system by December 23, 2016, due to levels of arsenic that exceed federal standards. (A. Watanabe, Los Angeles Field Office, 213-244-1807).

EPA Meeting with San Francisco Mayor and Supervisor to Discuss Hunters Point Naval Shipyard: We met with SF Mayor Edwin Lee and Supervisor Malia Cohen regarding the cleanup of the Shipyard. In particular, charges that the Navy's contractor falsified radiological test results prompted the Mayor to call the meeting to discuss how the allegations will be addressed and how quickly the cleanup can proceed. (Contact: Lily Lee, x7-4187, Jackie Lane, x2-3236)

Lean Six-Sigma Graduation: Sixty-three employees of Regions 6, 8, and 9, EPA HQ, and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control graduated from our Lean Six-Sigma training program. The ceremony featured Acting Deputy Administrator Meiburg and master black belt Michael Moxley of the NASA Glenn Research Center. Mr. Moxley spoke about how Lean has supported NASA missions.

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Coordinating with California on Bay-Delta Water Quality: On November 8th, Tomás Torres and our Bay-Delta team will meet with the State Water Resources Control Board to provide input on its proposed Phase I Water Quality Control plan and draft scientific report. Flow standards in this and the Phase II plan will cover the San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers, their tributaries, and the Delta. (Woo, 2-3409)

Monitoring Network Plans:

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

Each year, air monitoring agencies are required to submit monitoring network plans to EPA that describe their ambient air monitoring networks and any recent or proposed changes, and also address compliance to monitoring regulations. (Contact: Michael Flagg, 7-3372)